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Groveland City Council
City Manager Report
September, 21 2015

Pending Action Items:

- Police Citizen Advisory Board - the City Manager's Office has concluded its interviews and board members have been chosen: Board members with brief bios are presented below:
 - **Mike Olson** - has been a resident of Groveland for a year. He has more than 20 years experience with security surveillance. Mr. Olson currently sits on the board of the Olson ALS Foundation, this is a non-profit foundation that raises funds for the treatment and eventual cure for ALS - commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.
 - **Mark Enman** - has been a resident of Groveland for 10 years. Mr. Enman retired from Walt Disney World after 41 years in the WDW Security Division. Mr. Enman is a member of the American Legion and the Eagle Club.
 - **Bridgette Bennett** - is a practicing attorney and has owned a law firm in Groveland for the past 4 years. Mrs. Bennett practices all aspects of immigration law. She enjoys all types of community service including supporting several of our local non-profits.
 - **Rufino Garcia** - Rufino Garcia is a new resident and recently built a home in Groveland. Mr. Garcia is a retired police officer with more than 35 years of experience in law enforcement. He is fluent in Spanish and English.
 - **James Bowen** - has been a Groveland resident for 9 years. Mr. Bowen has been an outstanding leader in the Groveland Community. He is a retired President of the AFL-CIO, and served as a full-time International Representative for the United Steelworkers of America for 32 years. Mr. Bowen currently sits on the Board of Directors for Cascades for Groveland as President of the HOA.

These members will start as the initial board members. Once the board begins it is expected that alternate positions will be considered at a later date. Again, this board is considered to be non-political, non-paid / volunteer, a fair balance / representation of the Groveland community (geographically, professionally, as well as ethnic and gender diverse).

- Per City Council discussions during recent workshops and due to the chronic delays, missed deadlines, and unresponsiveness of our current external audit services; the City Manager's Office has approved the Finance Department to move forward with seeking proposals from other vendors who have experience in governmental accounting and are certified public accountants. Please see: "Attachment 1" for the list of auditors currently used by Lake County

Municipalities. We will invite these firms and any others recommended to respond to our request for external audit service proposals.

Report from the Desk of the City Manager:

- As you are aware CM - Box Car Racing fell victim of a theft of several Box Cars, a trailer and equipment. Nine of a reported sixteen box cars were recovered of which seven were owned by the city. Staff is working with CM - Box Car to get a full inventory recorded. At this time the remaining probationary race has not been scheduled.
- Keep Lake Beautiful (KLB) - As you know KLB is a strategy intended to lead to a cleaner and more beautiful community by engaging and motivating our citizens to take responsibility for our environment. Groveland is well on its way to be a leader in the county for this endeavor. Our recent event was well received with 50+ volunteers including: Groveland Citizens, City Council, City Staff, Niagara Bottling Company Staff, and volunteers from the Southlake Future Farmers of America (FFA), and the Key Club.

Follow up / Reminder items:

- I will be out of the office September 25th - October 1 in attendance of ICMA. In my absence from the office Fire Chief Willie Morgan will be lead manager. I will still be checking messages and reachable via my cell phone.

Events:

- TBA



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From the Office of the City Clerk

Memo

To: Gwen Walker
From: Teresa Begley, City Clerk
Date: September 15, 2015
Re: List of Auditors used by Lake County Municipalities

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Inverness, FL 34452

Clermont: McDirmitt Davis & Co LLC
605 E. Robinson #635
Orlando, FL 32801-2062
407-843-5406

Eustis: Purvis Gray
Laurel Ridge Professional Center
2347 SE 17th Street
Ocala, FL 34471
352-732-3872

Fruitland Park: Shumacker, Johnston & Ross
911 North Blvd. West
Leesburg, FL 34748
352-326-2161

Leesburg: Moore, Stephens & Lovelace, P.A.
1204 S. Orlando Ave., Suite 400
Winter Park, FL 32789

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Montverde: Greenlee, Kurras, Rice & Brown

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